

**CU SENATE MEETING  
AGENDA**

***DRAFT FOR APPROVAL***

**Meeting Date:** September 12, 2024

**Session:** AY 2024-25, Meeting I

**Time:** 4 pm

**Location:** Via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 974 9781 6079  
Passcode: 646399

Attendance: Matt McKeague, Mark T Decker, Lisa Lister, Ben Franek, Michael McFarland, Lam Nguyen, Heidi Warner, Carina E.Howell, Jessica Bentley-Sassaman, Stacy Wagner, Jason Genovese, Jeanne Kagle, Terina Oman, Cori Myers, Gretchen Osterman, Amy DeLozier, Jennifer Demchak, Christopher Lapos, Jackie Borst, Dan Knorr, Suzanne Williamson, Eric Hawrelak, Lynda Michaels, Rick Goulet, Dr. Emmy Borst, Eun-Joo Kwak, Erik Evans, Bashar Hanna, Karri Verno, Maegen Borzok, Curtis M. Grenoble, Kevin M. Range, Kenneth Hall, Jill Scott, Brad Lint, Barry Minemyer, Brooke Harlowe, Xia Zhou, Stephen Lee, Qing Yue, Erin Kennedy, Kristi Getty, Justin White, Peggy Carl, Atika Benaddi, Stan Berard, Amy Way, Rick Lilla, Robert Green, Jason Genovese, John Gradel, Dina Clark, Lisa D. Weaver, Michelle Kiec, Rodger Benefiel, Stephanie Bissinger, Peter Campbell, Debra Minzola, Judi Brayer, Charles Morgan, Mary Feeney, William Barnes, Lynda Michaels, Jeanne Kagle

- I. Call to order: Mark Decker, (CU Senate President, Professor Languages, Literatures, and Writing, Dept Chair, CU) 4:00pm

**II. Announcements**

- A. For the latest info on CU Commencement, go to this website:  
<https://www.commonwealthu.edu/cucommencement>
- B. Go to the CU Senate Website for the most updated information:  
<https://www.commonwealthu.edu/commonwealth-university-senate>

**III. Committee Reports**

A. Academic Policy Committee: Brooke Harlow, (Professor of Political Science, CU) reported that the committee will be meeting soon and will have policies for next Senate meeting to review. Brooke expressed the committees concern for not being able to have policies ready in time for first Senate meeting coming off summer break. The committee is still searching for a faculty representative from ZCOB (CU Zeigler College of Business), a Graduate Rep and Undergraduate reps from each campus.

B.IT Subcommittee: Matthew McKeague, (Associate Professor of Media & Journalism, CU) stated that they submitted 5 policies over the summer which are listed under the agenda. They will be meeting to see what is up next.

C.Enrollment Management Subcommittee: Christopher Lapos, (Associate V.P.Undergrad & Transfer Admissions, CU) will be reviewing a policy that is listed on the agenda later in the meeting.

D. Advancement Committee: Jason Genovese, (Associate Professor Media & Journalism, CU) reported that the advancement committee has intent to bring 2 policies to Senate this semester.

A. Erik Evans, (Vice President of University Advancement, CU) shared current advancement team results including highlights from FY24 from each campus, new gifts and pledges for each campus and Professional U student connections with Alumni and employer partners. (Appendix A – slide deck)

E. DEI Committee: No report.

F. Finance Committee: Dina Clark, (Associate Professor of Accounting, CU) reported that their committee is working on policies.

G. Student Success and Campus Life Committee: Erin Kennedy, (Professor of Psychology, CU) stated that the SSCL committee would like to propose a committee name change that would reflect the organizational changes to be called the “Student Affairs Committee”. They had their first meeting on 9/9/24. They are working on several policies.

H. First Year Experience Subcommittee: No report.

I. Elections Subcommittee: No report. Eric Hawrelak, (Professor of Chemistry, CU) wanted to add a note about senate membership and current committees that will remain in effect until next election. Members can choose to serve out the remainder of their term or they can choose to remove themselves. A restructuring will take place in April with new elections. Also noted that there may be a need for more than one representative from departments depending on size.

J. Space and Facilities Subcommittee: Stacy Wagner, (Chief Facilities and Safety Officer, CU) said that they have nominated and approved new committee president, Yvette Ingram, (Professor Athletic Trainer, Lock Haven, CU). They have issued the inclement weather standard. They will be using new tools to help right size campus. All requested moves have been reviewed and approved.

**IV. First Reading of Reviewed Policies (Go to CU Senate Website to review the latest DRAFTS: <https://www.commonwealthu.edu/commonwealth-university-senate> - scroll down to First Reading DRAFT Policies)**

A. Undergraduate Degree and Non-Degree Admissions Policy, (*File-02*): Chris Lapos reviewed the changes that are being made to the policy as per Emmy Borst, (Executive Director of Student Services, CU) around anticipated changes to the program.

B. Changed 3.2 from:

**Early Start Students:** Students who do not meet traditional admission criteria may be admitted through early start enrichment program where special assistance in tutoring and counseling is given to address specific academic, financial and/or social problems. For example, a student may have a low overall GPA but has shown improvement each academic year.

To:

**Conditional Admit Students:** Students who do not meet traditional admission criteria may be admitted through an enrichment program where assistance and coaching are given to address specific academic, financial and/or social problems. For example, a student may have a low overall GPA but has shown improvement each academic year.

C. Changed 5.2 from:

**Early Start Students**

Applicants must be graduates of, or seniors in, accredited secondary schools or must have a secondary school equivalency (like a GED) as determined by the Credentials Evaluation Division of the appropriate state agency, or Homeschoolers Accreditation Agency. Non-traditional criteria are applied in estimating an applicant's potential when it appears that the environmental background may have adversely affected grades and/or standardized test scores. The Admissions Office may require an applicant to file supplementary information as needed for proper consideration.

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- D. Kevin Range, (Professor of Chemistry) had a question about the PA program still requiring SAT scores and that not being in policy. Mark Decker suggested that this could be amended in the policy.

B. Interim Policy on Emeritus Status. (*File-03 and File-04*): Suzanne Williamson referred to previous discussion on policy.

C. Non-Academic Grievance Policy (*File-05*): Erin Kennedy represented the Academic Policy committee, offered to take questions on any of the policies and take back to the committee for review.

D. Financial Obligation Policy (*File-06*): Suzanne Williamson reviewed the policy. Gretchen Osterman, (Academic Advisor, CU) questioned the financial threshold for the registration hold. Suzanne noted the concern but pointed out that it was not part of the policy.

E. Damages in Residence Halls (*File-07*)

F. Hazing Policy (*File-08*)

G. Withdraw [PRP 3540 \(File-09\)](#), [PRP 2425](#), [PRP 3224](#), [PRP 3230](#), [PRP 3233](#), [PRP 3234](#)

- A. Eric Hawrelak made a motion to withdrawal all above listed PRP's except for PRP 3224. Lisa Lister, (Associate Professor of Mathematics, CU) seconded it. All approved.

V. Consent Agenda Items: Mark Decker explained the idea of consent agenda for Senate.

- A. Minutes Review the minutes on the CU Senate Website:

<https://www.commonwealthu.edu/documents/240208agendacusenateminutesfinal-0>: Mark Decker approved minutes by acclamation.

- B. Informational Security Policy (*File-10*), Identification Card Policy (*File-11*), Wireless Communications Policy (*File-12*), Storage of Confidential Data Policy (*File-13*), Student Use of Assigned Email Accounts Policy (*File-14*), Printer Paper Policy (*File-15*): Barry Minemyer, (Associate Professor Mathematics, CU) asked for clarification on what the legal definition of confidential data mean in the "Storage of Confidential Data Policy". William Barnes, (Executive Director Enterprise Apps, CU) provided explanation: Confidential Protected Data – Data containing social security number, tax ID number, driver license number, passport number, financial account info, Any type of username and/or password, medical or health information.

VI. Other Business

- A. Title IX Update (Suzy Williamson): The new law that passed on Title IX does not include Pennsylvania. However, wanted to make everyone aware that Mansfield was named in the lawsuit that paused Title IX lawsuit, but it would have no direct impact to CU.
- B. Middle States Update: Dr. Cori Myers, (Associate VP of Institutional Effectiveness) offered a tremendous thank you to all that have been involved with the middle states self-study. Feedback can still be accepted until October 1st, 2024. MSCHE Team Chair Visit: Sunday, Sept. 22, to Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024. MSCHE Team Visit: Sunday, March 23, to Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

**VII.** Remarks for the Good of the Order: Mark Decker reviewed upcoming meetings.

**VIII.** Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.

**Upcoming Fall 2024 Meetings**

- CU Senate Executive Committee Meeting @4 pm via Zoom: Thursday, 11/7/24
- CU Senate Meeting @4 pm via Zoom: Thursday, 11/14/24